

The Calvin Ball Bulletin

District Two

August 2013 Edition

Inside this issue:

The Howard County Fair	1
NNO 2013	1
Farm2Table	2
Restaurant Week	
TAC South	2
Community Meeting	
OM Pool Party	2
Area Attendance	2
Community Meeting	
Farmers Market	3
Backpacks for Students	4
Collision Avoidance Training	5
Back to School Corner	5
Homeless Gazette	6
Technology Workshop for Parents	6

Welcome!

The County Council is on Recess during the month of August. While on break I wanted to take this moment to share the many exciting upcoming events on the horizon throughout the District 2 and beyond in my latest newsletter.

Know of any great community events? Please share them with me

by emailing
cbball@howardcountymd.gov.

If you are not already signed up to receive this newsletter, email "subscribe" to cbball@howardcountymd.gov and I will be happy to add you to our distribution list!



Dr. Calvin Ball, District 2

The Howard County Fair!

Please join us as the Howard County Fair celebrates 68 years of entertainment for all ages! Enjoy magic shows, carnival rides, clowns, balloon artists and more for a day of fun for the entire family.

The Fair will run **August 3-10** from **8am-11pm**. Admission is \$5 for persons ages 10 and up, \$2 for seniors (persons aged 62 years and up) and free for children under 10. The fairgrounds are located at **2210 Fairgrounds Road** in West Friendship.

Special Dates: Saturday, August 3rd is Armed Services Day where a valid Military I.D. gets you in FREE all day which includes spouse & children under 18). Tuesday, August 6th is Senior Day at the Fair where those 62 and older enter FREE all day. Click [here](#) for more information OR call **410-442-1022**.

National Night Out 30th Anniversary Kick-Off!



On **August 6th at 6 PM**, join in the 30th anniversary kick-off celebration of National Night Out! This is anti-crime initiative where neighbors are invited to turn on their lights and take a stance against crime. This event will be held at the **Roger Carter Community Center** on **3000 Milltowne Drive** (formerly Mt. Ida Drive), Ellicott City, Maryland, 21043

There are also several other communities hosting similar neighborhood NNO events in Howard County. For a list of events, go [online](#) or contact the Howard County Police Department, Office of Public Affairs for more information at **410-313-2236**.

Howard County Police Community Athletic Program!

The Howard County Police encourage young people to take advantage of the department's mobile Community Athletic Program (CAP), a travelling recreation center that provides constructive activities for youth during the summer. The CAP trailer is filled with sports gear, games and video game equipment and is staffed by school resource officers and other youth services officers. The CAP's prevention/intervention model targets MS/HS aged youth who don't yet have transportation but are too old for traditional, supervised summer activities. The trailer will visit different neighborhoods each day of the week, 9am–4:30pm, and will return to that neighborhood, on that same day in subsequent weeks.

Mondays: Talbott Springs Pool, 9660 Basket Ring Road

Tuesdays: Blandair Park, 5750 Oakland Mills Road

Wednesdays: Celebration Community Church, 6080 Foreland Garth

Thursdays: North Laurel Community Center, 9411 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel

Fridays: Wilde Lake Middle School, 10481 Cross Fox Lane

For more info, contact **Sherry Llewellyn** at 410-313-2236 or at slllewellyn@howardcountymd.gov.

Last Chance – Farm 2 Table Restaurant Week!



This summer is the perfect time to enjoy local, farm fresh and inexpensive food. Whether you're visiting your favorite hotspot or sampling a new restaurant, restaurant week is the perfect opportunity. This event will run through **August 5th** where diners can enjoy fabulous fixed prices on multi course chefs' menus from \$10.13 to \$40.13.

For more details and for participating locations, click [here](#).

Traffic Action Committee (TAC) South Community Meeting!

Are you an Oakland Mills resident concerned about speeding on Thunder Hill Road south of Rt 175? A group of residents have formed a Traffic Action Committee (TAC) to study placing speed humps along Thunder Hill Road south of Route 175 heading towards the Village Center. Join the TAC and fellow OM residents as the TAC explains their proposed plan on **Wednesday, August 7th 7pm** at The Other Barn. If you would like to learn more about the initiative prior, please direct your questions or comments to committee leader Sandra Braxton-Riley at saunie50@hotmail.com.

Oakland Mills Community Pool Party!

On **Thursday, August 8th 6:30-8:30pm**, Oakland Mills residents are invited to enjoy a community pool party. Tickets are \$3.00 and the pool location will be disclosed upon purchase. This is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors! There will be refreshments, music and much more. Advance tickets are required and available at The Other Barn. Open to OM Residents only. NO refunds. NO rain date. For more details, call 410-730-4610 or email omca@columbiavillages.org.

OM & LR Block Party Funds ~ Reserve Yours Now!

Oakland Mills and Long Reach will reimburse up to \$25 per street for neighborhood block parties. Funds are available on a first come/first serve basis. For OM Funds, products must be purchased from Oakland Mills Village Center Merchants, Walgreens and/or Philly's Pizza in Thunder Hill. For details, call Sandy Cederbaum 410-730-4610 or omca@columbiavillages.org. For details or to reserve LR block party funds, call 410-730-8113.

HCPSS Hosts Area Attendance Committee Public Meeting!

The HCPSS 2013 Attendance Area Committee will hold an open meeting on **Aug. 6 at 7pm** located at the Department of Education, 10910 Clarksville Pike focusing on middle school redistricting for the 2014-2015 school year. The public is welcome to attend and observe as well as provide feedback to staff through an [online survey](#).

For more information on redistricting, click [here](#) or contact **Jennifer Bubenko** at 410-313-1554 or jennifer_bubenko@hcpss.org.

Farmers Markets Are Open - Enjoy Fresh Fruits, Vegetables & Other Locally Grown Food at a Local Market Near You!

Summertime is the perfect opportunity to go out in your local community and take advantage of our local farmers' markets. Buying local products helps our local economy and provides our residents a perfect opportunity to taste the freshest, most delicious products. This season you will find ripe produce, baked goods, fruits of the season, flowers, transplants, organically grown produce and specialty items. See below for a list of farmer's markets closest to you as well as important dates and times of operation.

Oakland Mills Village Center, 5851 Robert Oliver Place in Columbia

Hours of Operation: Sundays 9am-1pm through November 24

Howard County Library – East Columbia Branch, 6600 Cradlerock Way in Columbia

Hours of Operation: Thursdays 2-6pm through November 21

WIC & Senior FMNP checks accepted at all markets. For a complete list of locations or for more details, visit

www.HowardCountyFarmersMarkets.com.

Council Passed Revised Watershed Protection & Restoration Fee!

On July 25th, the County Council passed Council Bill 38 amending the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee. This will go into effect 61 days after being signed by the County Executive. Residents can expect the following fees:

Residential Fee: \$15 per impervious unit (Includes Townhomes and Condo units)

Single Family Homes – Lot size .25acre or less: \$45

Single Family Homes – Lots over .25 acre: \$90

Commercial apartments: \$15/apartment unit

Non-residential: \$15 per impervious unit

Non-residential Fee (phase-in for the fee that exceeds \$10,000):

FY14 property owner shall pay the greater of 50% of the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee

For future fiscal years, property owner shall pay 100% of Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee

There are hardship provisions for residential and non-residential property owners that may reduce the total charge to no more than 20% of the annual property tax bill. There are also opportunities for credits and grants for certain best management practices and investments that benefit the public stormwater management system. This policy will be set by the Administration in the coming months. For questions, contact Josh Feldmark at JDFeldmark@howardcountymd.gov.

Council Passes Comprehensive Zoning!

Every 10 years, the County Council undertakes Comprehensive Zoning. Over approximately the last two months, the County Council has held 7 public hearings, 15 work sessions and spent countless personal hours working and communicating with residents, conducting site visits, and researching issues with expert staff members as they arose. On July 25, the Council passed the Council Bill 32 with amendments. I encourage residents to view the bill [online](#).

HCPSS Seeks Members for Policy Development/Revision Committee!

Community stakeholders serve a vital function on each committee by sharing diverse knowledge, experiences and perspectives and ensuring transparency at every stage of the policy development process. The HCPSS invites citizens to take an active role in developing and revising school system policies as members of policy development/revision committees.

Members of each committee attend approximately 4-5 meetings to discuss and make policy recommendations regarding educational programs and school system operations. Each policy committee will include one member representing the General Citizens stakeholder group. The HCPSS is currently seeking candidates for membership on the following policy development/revision committees: Policy 1040 Safe School Environments, Policy 4070 Undesignated Fund Balance Reserve, Policy 8030 Graduation Requirements, Policy 8100 Field Trips and Student Activity Trips, Policy 8110 Foreign Travel, Policy 9020 Students' Rights and Responsibilities, and Policy 9260 Student Search and Seizure

Those interested in participating on a committee are asked to complete the [Membership Interest Form](#) and email to policy@hcpss.org or mail to Ms. Trudy Grantham, Office of Policy/Charter Schools, 10910 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042 by **Wed., August 14**.

Cul De Sac Beautification~ Reserve Funds Now!

Both Long Reach & Oakland Mills Community Association will be contributing to the cost of beautifying your street. Oakland Mills will be offering \$75 while Long Reach Community Association will be offering up to \$200 for approved plans. Speak to your neighbors, come up with a beautification plan and speak with your respective Village Manager (Oakland Mills: **Sandy Cederbaum** omca@columbiavillages.org; Long Reach: **Sarah Uphouse** 410-730-8113. You must reserve funds in advance, and save your receipts for reimbursement.

Calling All Youth and Teens!

Get involved and be a part of the solution. Have fun and make new friends! Columbia Association's Teen and Middle School Advisory Committee is now seeking young individuals to attend monthly meetings and help get involved in their community by planning, organizing and implementing positive programs and activities for their peers.

High School Students (Ages 13-19) and Middle School Students (Ages 11-13) are invited to call **410-992-3726** or email CATeens@ColumbiaAssociation.org to sign-up. Meetings are the Third Thursday of the month 6:30-8pm at the Youth & Teen Center & The Barn in the Village of Oakland Mills, 5853 Robert Oliver Place in Columbia.

Help Keep Long Reach Beautiful ~ Adopt-a-Pathway!

We need residents to help us monitor the pathways for: graffiti & other vandalism, trash, dumping, dangerous conditions. We will assist you by: providing trash bags and pick-up locations for scheduled clean-ups, provide a pathway map for your use, lend rakes and hooks if needed, provide a list of phone numbers for reporting problems

Backpacks For Students!

Through **August 17**, consider making a charitable donation or contributing to the list of needed supplies of the Prepare for Success Backpacks for Students school supply drive. A list of needed supplies and drop off locations are available [online](#).

Tax-deductible monetary donations for supplies may be donated via the Community Action Council of Howard County's [website](#) or sent to Community Action Council/Prepare For Success, 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia, MD 21046. This event is co-sponsored by the Howard County Public School System, Community Action Council of Howard County, Howard County Library, Howard County PTA Council and Columbia Association.



Summer Tips... Remember to Lock up!

As summer comes to end, Howard County police are reminding citizens to always keep all doors, including garage doors and rear sliders, closed and locked. In addition, doors leading from the garage to the interior of a home also should be locked. In warmer months, police typically see an increased number of burglaries in which criminals walk into open garages and through the unlocked interior door leading inside the house. Detectives also see an increased number of cases in which burglars walk into homes by opening unlocked rear sliding glass doors. In an effort to keep homes and neighborhoods secure, here are some helpful tips:

- Always keep all doors, including your garage door and rear slider, closed and locked. Ensure that the door leading from your garage to the interior of your home also is locked
- Always lock your vehicles and remove valuable property. Remember that a garage door opener in an unlocked car is like a key to your home!
- Keep valuables in an unexpected place. For example, don't keep your most valuable jewelry in your jewelry box. Burglars want to get in and out quick, so don't make it easy for them to find your valuable or sentimental items.
- Always report suspicious activity or people by calling 911.

HCPSS Free & Reduced Price Meal Application Now Available Online!

Applications for free and reduced price school meals may be completed online. This allows parents privacy in completing the application and receiving notification of status. Help is available in the schools for families who want to use the system but need computer or language assistance. Paper applications also will be sent home on the first day of school.

Additional information and the online application can be found [online](#).

Collision Avoidance Training!

The Howard County Police Department has begun conducting Collision Avoidance Training (CAT). This is an advance defensive driving and vehicle control program for licensed teen driver's ages 16-20. The two day program (12 hours) is designed to provide young drivers with the knowledge and understanding of vehicle dynamics and will provide practical exercises that demonstrate how the vehicle responds in a given situation and how to regain control of the vehicle. Driving skills addressed in the program are: evasive maneuvers, threshold/emergency braking, forward serpentine, cornering, backing, reverse serpentine and skid and off-road recovery.

Students must operate their own vehicle. Each student must successfully complete each driving skill/maneuver in order to receive a certificate of completion. The cost is \$95 for both classes. Additional sessions will be held: **August 23-24, September 20-21, October 18-19, November 15-16 and December 6-7.** For more details, contact **Ms. Carolyn Bennett** at 410-313-3758.

2013 Back To School Corner!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS :

Bellows Springs ES: Friday, August 23rd is the Open House; beginning at 9 AM for Kindergarten, 2 PM for 1st and 2nd grade, and 2:45 PM for 3rd – 5th grade.

Deep Run ES: Thursday, August 22nd is Kindergarten Back to School Night for Parents, beginning at 6:30 PM. Friday, August 23rd is Kindergarten Orientation for students and families, beginning at 10 AM. Tuesday, September 17th is Back to School Night for 1st and 2nd grade; beginning at 6:30 PM. Thursday, September 29th is Back to School Night for 3rd – 5th grade; beginning at 6:30 PM.

Ducketts Lane ES: August 19th is Kindergarten Assessments (Parents will sign up for these assessments at registration); August 22 708pm is Back to School Night for RECC/Kindergarten Parents – School supplies may be dropped off at this time (This meeting is for adults only!); August 23rd 2-3pm is an Open House for Students and Parents who are invited to visit the classroom; September 17th 6:30-8:30 Back to School Night - Grade 1; September 18th 6:30-8:30 Back to School Night – Grades 2 & 3; September 19th 6-8pm Back to School Night – Grades 4, 5 & GT

Jeffers Hill ES: Friday, August 23rd is New Student Orientation at 12:30 PM, followed by the school's Open House from 1 PM to 2 PM. Tuesday, September 17th is Back to School Night.

Phelps Luck ES: Tuesday, September 17th is Back to School Night for Kindergarten and 1st grade. Wednesday, September 18th is Back to School Night for 2nd and 3rd graders. Thursday, September 19th is Back to School Night for 4th and 5th graders.

Stevens Forest ES: Thursday, August 22nd is Back to School Night for Kindergarten, from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Tuesday, September 17th is Back to School Night for 1st and 2nd grade, from 6:30 PM to at 7:30 PM. Wednesday, September 18th is Back to School Night for 3rd – 5th grade, from 6:15 PM to 7:15 PM.

Thunder Hill ES: Friday, August 23rd is the school's Open House, beginning at 2 PM. Monday, September 16th is Back to School Night for kindergarten through 2nd grade. Tuesday, September 17th is Back to School Night for 3rd – 5th grade.

Waterloo ES: August 13th is Kindergarten Summer Playdate at 11am; August 14th is New Student Orientation at 10am; August 19th is PTA Back to School Staff Breakfast; August 22nd is RECC, PreK, Kindergarten Back to School Nigh at 6pm and August 23rd is Welcome Back Open House 2-3pm.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS

Mayfield Woods MS: Thursday, August 22nd is New Student Orientation; beginning at 9:30 AM. Wednesday, September 25th is Back to School Night; beginning at 6:30 PM.

Oakland Mills MS: Wednesday, September 25th is Back to School Night.

HIGH SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS

Long Reach HS : Thursday, August 22nd is Freshmen and New Student Orientation from 8 AM to 1:15 PM. Back to School Night is on September 9th; beginning at 6:30 PM for 9th graders and 7:00 PM for 10th - 12th graders

Oakland Mills HS: Thursday, August 22nd is Freshmen and New Student Orientation.

Howard HS: Monday and Tuesday August 12 & 13 is Incoming 9th Grade Overnight. For details, click [here](#).

Homeless Gazette!

As an elected official and advocate to end homelessness, I'm thrilled to partner with the Route 1 Day Resource Center to put on the Hope for Homeless 5k. I'd like to share with you the Homeless Gazette which highlights stories and touching information from clients of the Day Center that I hope you find inspiring. I hope you will consider contributing to the Day Center and to their cause in their future. You can find the latest July edition [here](#) and view the archive editions [here](#). Here is a [list](#) of their needs if you're able to donate.

Workshop For Parents – Technology Responsibility!

Howard County's Department of Citizen Services' Office of Children's Services is proud to offer a new workshop for parents, **Technology Responsibility: Interference vs. Freedom of Expression**, on **Thursday, August 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm** at the Ellicott City Senior Center located at **9401 Frederick Road**.

This FREE workshop addresses parents' concerns about the safety of their children when it comes to their online activities and cell phone usage, including what is appropriate and what can be harmful. It will feature a panel discussion lead by local experts, after which parents will have the opportunity to take part in an open discussion or submit questions anonymously, depending on their comfort level.

Although there is no fee to attend, parents are encouraged to register in advance as space for the workshop is limited. To pre-register or for more information, please call **410-313-1940** or go [online](#).

CA Hosts BikeAbout Columbia!

Columbia Association (CA) is hosting the annual BikeAbout on **Saturday, September 21**, from **9:30am-1:30pm**, starting at Lake Elkhorn in Owen Brown. This FREE 11-mile ride is a self-guided, history-filled tour through Columbia. This year's route takes riders through parts of Owen Brown Kings Contrivance. Registration is encouraged. Learn more and register at <http://BikeAbout.Eventbrite.com>.

Hunger-Free Howard!

Across Howard County, faith-based communities, clubs, organizations, schools and associations are choosing to be a part of the Hunger Free initiative to support the Howard County Food Bank, administered by Community Action Council of Howard County. HOW IT WORKS: Each month, the group chooses 1 item that they would like to ask their members to bring to donate to the Food Bank. In January, it might be cereal; in February, a jar of peanut butter.

If you are part of an organization or as an individual who would like to mobilize members to donate food, please contact **Lisa Clossin**, Volunteer Coordinator at **410-313-0703** or email Lclossin@cac-hc.org.

Exciting Youth Opportunities to Stay Active and Involved!

One of my missions is to provide awareness of programs within Howard County that provide a positive outlet for our youth. This allows them to channel their inner talent and participate in positive activities. Listed below you will find helpful links for parents and youth.

4H Club: For youth grades 3+. Meets **2nd Friday of the month** at The Other Barn **3:30-5pm**. Call **410-992-3726** for more info

Art Attack Creative after-school enrichment program from the Columbia Art Center. Meets **1st and 2nd Mondays**.

Registration/Fees may apply. Call **410-992-3726**.

Columbia Teen Center http://www.columbiaassociation.com/content/getinvolved/teens/teen_center.cfm or **410-992-3726**

Howard County Library www.hclibrary.org/index.php?page=22

Voices For Change <http://www.facebook.com/HCV4C#!/HCV4C/info> or email MMekelburg7@verizon.net

I encourage you to share this information with friends, families, neighbors and most importantly, your children.

Make a Difference In a Student's Life... A-Ok Mentors Needed!

A-OK (Assist Our Kids) Mentoring-Tutoring, Inc. is now recruiting adult volunteers to be mentor-tutors to Howard County public school students who need extra support and encouragement to succeed. Volunteers meet with students individually or in small groups, during the school day and in after school programs. A-OK seeks dependable community members who can commit to one hour/week for one school year.

Participating elementary schools are: Atholton, Bryant Woods, Cradlerock, Deep Run, Forest Ridge, Guilford, Longfellow, Phelps Luck, Running Brook and Stevens Forest. There are also limited opportunities to meet with older students. For more info, call Chaya Kaplan at aokmentor@gmail.com or call 410-730-6030.

Health Care Options For You or Your Family!

The "Door to HealthCare" provides for the consolidation of applications and application processes for the numerous health programs available for those who are under/uninsured. Individuals sit down with a counselor or work alone at a kiosk to enter personal data (including: family make0up, income, etc.) which will determine the programs for which you and/or family members are eligible. The information will quickly be transferred electronically into the proper application and the process is complete. Services provided include: MCHP, MA, PAC and the Healthy Howard Health Plan.



"The Door to HealthCare" is located to the rear of 7178 Columbia Gateway Drive in Columbia, MD. For further information, call 410-988-3737.

Financial Assistance Corner

We are experiencing an unprecedented economic recession and while Howard County may be consistently identified as one of the wealthiest counties in the United States, our residents and families are feeling the squeeze of this economic crisis. I receive a lot of calls to my office asking for referrals and county assistance so I wanted to take a moment and dedicate a section in my Newsletter identifying resources to help our residents save money.

TAX CREDITS: The most quick and efficient way to reduce your expenses is to consider the tax credits available to you as Howard County residents. For your convenience, I have listed examples below as well as their respective online application; however you can find a complete list and instructions on how to apply at

<http://countyofhowardmd.us/Services.aspx?id=6442458618> or by calling 410-313-4076. Please note that some of these credits are based upon fund availability, so please contact the office directly for the most up-to-date information.

Livable Home Tax Credit: <http://countyofhowardmd.us/DisplayPrimary.aspx?id=6442460435>

Senior Tax Credit: <http://countyofhowardmd.us/DisplayPrimary.aspx?id=1492>

Homeowners Tax Credit: <http://countyofhowardmd.us/DisplayPrimary.aspx?id=1558>

Homestead Tax Credit: <http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/homestead.html>

Energy Conservation Credit: <http://countyofhowardmd.us/DisplayPrimary.aspx?id=6442455147>

Daycare Provider Tax Credit: <http://countyofhowardmd.us/DisplayPrimary.aspx?id=6442460435>

Amatuer Sports Athletic Fields Property Tax Credit: <http://countyofhowardmd.us/DisplayPrimary.aspx?id=6442460435>

Surviving Spouse of Fallen Law Enforcement Officer or Rescue Worker:

<http://countyofhowardmd.us/DisplayPrimary.aspx?id=6442460435>

Community Associations Tax Credit: <http://countyofhowardmd.us/DisplayPrimary.aspx?id=6442460435>

Renovation of Historic Property Tax Credit: <http://countyofhowardmd.us/DisplayPrimary.aspx?id=6442460435>

"Your Local Career Connection" Helps In Your Search For Employment!

Howard County's Office of Workforce Development is here for you! The center is geared towards meeting the workforce and employment needs of businesses and job seekers in the 12st century labor market. They provide companies and individuals ranging from professional, technical and managerial to entry level. It offers residents a variety of tolls to aid in a job search. The full service center is equipped with computers, fax machines, telephones, internet access and copiers – all to assist you with your employment search. Customized recruitment events are held for businesses and space is available to use for interviewing.

For more details, click [here](#) or call 410-290-2620. The calendar of events is [online](#).

FREE Career Advancement and Computer Training for Adults!

Find a job or move up in your current position! This opportunity is **FREE** for low- to moderate-income residents of Howard County. Registration is **Mondays 10am-2pm** or by appointment and is located at Pinnacle Career Resources, Chartwell Professional Park, 8180 Lark Brown Road, Suite 301 in Elkridge. For more details, call Cindy at 410-799-1097.

BRAC Corner!

Are you a business owner interested in becoming a contractor or already a Defense Contractor looking for additional information? The BRAC Business Initiative (BBI) is inviting businesses interested in accessing government contracting opportunities and becoming a qualified prime or sub-contractor to register with the BBI's new Match-Up Database. A number of defense contractors and government agencies are already using the Match-Up Database to determine which BBI businesses may possess the capabilities they require. Many companies registered in the Database have already been selected to meet with large prime contractors to partner and increase business.

Here is a list of the upcoming important events:

- **Thursday, August 22nd 8:30-10am: BBI Monthly Meeting.** Small Business Administration (SBA), Office of Advocacy - Ngozi Bell, the regional advocate for the Fort Meade region helps identify regulatory concerns of the small business by monitoring that impact of federal and state policies at the grassroots level. Ms. Bell will share current small business data points for the region and will also discuss how to nurture an Innovation/Entrepreneurship Ecosystem. Also on the agenda includes MD Dept of Labor, Licensing & Regulation – Find out about the Employment Advanced Right Now (EARN) and how the strategic industry partnership grant supports the health of Innovation/Entrepreneurship Ecosystem.) This event is **FREE** and open to all businesses. Reservations are not required and the event will be held at The Other Barn, 5851 Robert Oliver Place in Columbia. open to the first 50 BBI partners. To register, click [here](#).
- **Thursday, August 15th 12-1:30pm: BBI Brown Bag.** Join Reginald Avery, Chief Operating Officer and Senior Consultant for NSAI & Associates who possesses over 30 years of extensive Government and Military experience in continuity, physical security, emergency management and risk program management planning. Mr. Avery will speak on the importance of creating and maintaining a viable Business Continuity plan and the need to be ready to deal with any type of man-made or natural disasters that would have a negative effect on your small business operations and your bottom-line profits. He will provide an overview of what a practicable business continuity plan looks like and how to design a plan based on your needs. This event will be held at 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Room TBD in Columbia. It will be open to the first 25 registered BBI partners. Register by emailing company, name and title to KFew@howardcountymd.gov. Cost is **FREE** and water and snacks will be provided.
- **Thursday, September 19th 8am-3:30pm.** 2nd Annual Procurement Conference. The Center for Minority Business Development (CMBD) and Prince George's Community College is organizing its second annual procurement conference in Upper Marlboro, MD. The theme is "CLIFF HANGERS: UNDERSTANDING HWEN YOU HAVE REACHED THE EDGE". The conference seeks to educate small and minority-owned businesses on what to do to move forward to reach optimal success. It will be held at Camelot by Martin's, 13905 Central Avenue in Upper Marlboro. To register visit <http://www.cmbd.biz/register> or http://www.cmbd.biz/pdf/2013_CMBD_ProcurementConf_v1p2.pdf.
- **Wednesday, October 16th 5:30-7:30pm: Networking Business Mixer & Showcase.** BWCC invites BBI Partners to promote their business and build strategic relationships in a friendly environment with business professionals representing a variety of industries. This event typically attracts over 100 attendee from a variety of industry sectors. It will be held at Dave & Busters in Arundel Mills. BBI Partners will receive attendee and exhibitors discount. If interested please contact BWCC (arlinda.andrews@bwcc.org) for exhibitors form or to register online visit www.bwcc.org

The database is **FREE** of charge and open to all local companies interested in generating more business within the defense community. The Match-Up Database can be found at <http://www.selfvetting.com/events/BBI/APL/> and registering in the database automatically makes a company a member of the BBI.

For any questions on the BBI or our monthly update meetings, call **Raj Kudchadkar** at 410-313-6376 or email rkudchadkar@howardcountymd.gov.

Do You Need Bulk-Item Pick-Up?

Bulk Trash Item pick-up has resumed but items must be scheduled by calling 410-313-6444 or visiting www.HowardCountyBulkPickup.org. These items typically do not fit in trash cans and could include mattresses, chairs, sofas, dressers, tables, etc. Bulk METAL Item pickup must be scheduled in advance by calling 410-313-6444. Items must be placed at the curb by 6am (no earlier than 6pm the night before). Please do not block mailboxes or fire hydrants. **NOTE:** It is illegal for anyone except Howard County's contractors to pickup scrap metal at the curb (Howard County Code 18.610)

Vacancies on Howard County's Boards and Commissions

Howard County Government is actively seeking volunteers to serve on several Boards and Commissions. Below you will find details including information on how to apply.

- **Adult Public Guardianship Review Board.** Board is comprised of 11 members that meet quarterly, the first Thursday of February, May, August and November at 8:30am. The Board reviews situations of disabled persons under public agency guardianship, is advisory to the court and makes recommendations to the court to continue, modify or terminate guardianship. For additional details, click [here](#).
- **Alcohol & Drug Abuse Advisory Board.** Board members serve five year terms and help review services and the need for services relating to alcohol or drug abuse education, treatment and prevention in Howard County. Candidates must be 18yrs or older, have an interest in drug and alcohol treatment and prevention services and be able to attend the Board's meetings on the third Wednesday of each month from 5:15-6:30pm. For details, call 410-313-6225.
- **Board of Electrical Examiners.** Commission is comprised of seven members who serve five year terms and must include two licensees under electrical regulations or representatives of an electrical inspection bureau, one electrical engineer and four general public members. Board members are responsible for making recommendations to the Director of Inspections, Licenses and Permits (DILP), the County Executive and the County Council on all matters relating to electrical work in Howard County, including the conduct of electrical business and licenses. To be eligible, candidates must be Howard County residents, 18 years of age or older and have an interest in electrical work. The Board meets on an as needed basis; meetings are held at 5pm in DILP, 3430 Court House Drive in Ellicott City. For more info, visit <http://www.howardcountymd.gov/electricalexaminersboard.htm> or call 410-313-1820.
- **Board to Promote Self Sufficiency.** Serves as the planning and coordinating mechanism for initiatives to promote the economic stability of individuals and families, and reduce the incidence of poverty in Howard County. Board generally meets the fourth Thursday of the month 9-10:30am in the Gateway Bldg.
- **Cable Advisory Committee.** Consists of 5 members all of which must be Howard County residents. Responsible for advising the County Executive and County Council on all matters related to the use of cable systems and facilities. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month (February, May, June, September, November & December) at 7pm. For more details, click [here](#).
- **Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board.** Composed of 11 members required to at least meet once per year in Baltimore to advise the Secretary of Labor, Licensing and Regulation and the Director on issues related to the regulation and administration of the Office.
- **Environmental Sustainability Board.** Consists of 13 members and assists in the implementation of the County's environmental agenda, providing both advice and review. Board members are both experts in energy, air/water quality, environmental governance, community outreach and education, transit, green building and environmental health.
- **Equal Business Opportunity Commission.** Assists with the efforts of the County in procuring goods and services from minority business enterprises, women business enterprises and disabled business enterprises pursuant to the County's Equal Business Opportunity Program and to monitor the activities of the Economic Development Authority to determine its efforts to include equal business opportunity concerns in its activities and programs. Consists of 10 members.
- **Ethics Commission.** Consists of 5 members responsible for administering the Howard County Public Ethics Law with respect to all public officials, officers and employees. Major functions include: rendering advisory opinions, receiving and reviewing financial disclosure statements, investigating complaints and receiving and reviewing lobbyist registration and activity reports. For additional details, click [here](#).
- **Board of Health.** Responsible for general health and sanitary interest of the people of Howard County. There are 9 members who generally meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month 6pm at the Health Department.
- **Historic District Commission.** Generally meets at 7pm on the first Thursday of each month at the George Howard Bldg, 3430 Court House Drive.

Applicants should send a resume and a brief letter explaining why they want to serve to: Howard County Government, Department of County Administration, Attn: David Lee, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

Foreign Born Information and Referral Network!

The Foreign Born Information and Referral Network, 5999 Harpers Farm Road, Suite 200-E in Columbia needs Spanish-speaking volunteers to greet clients, answer basic questions, make appointments and support the staff. Hours are 9am-1pm or 1-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. Other times may be considered. For more information, call 410-992-1923 x 14.

Give the Gift of Independence!

Neighbor Ride launched its volunteer-based transportation service in 2004 with the mission to decrease isolation and improve the quality of life for Howard County's older residents. Today, its dedicated volunteers provide an average of 1,000 trips per month for medical appointments, shopping, social outings, personal care and business, religious services, volunteer activities and other day-to-day needs.

YOU can give seniors the gift of independence by volunteering as a Neighbor Ride driver. Flexible and rewarding daytime, evening and weekend opportunities are available. No set schedule is required. Drivers simply choose to provide rides that are convenient to their homes, offices and daily routines. Parent volunteers are welcome and encouraged to bring their children along for a wonderful experience. Please contact **Patrice Cerwonka, Colleen Konstanzer or Rosemary Noble** at 410-884-RIDE (7433) or email volunteer@neighborride.org for more information.



Start a Neighborhood Watch Program in Your Community!

The Neighborhood Watch Program involves the joint efforts of the Howard County Police Department and the community designed to enhance neighborhood security, heighten the community's power of observation and encourage mutual assistance and concern among neighbors.

For more information, please contact the Howard County Police Department at 410-313-2200.

"Guaranteed Ride Home" Comes to Howard County!

A program that gives a **FREE** ride home to commuters who travel to work via mass transit, car-pooling or walking at least twice a week is coming to Howard County. "Guaranteed Ride Home" offers regular commuters a free ride home in a taxi or rental car up to four times a year and is funded by the Maryland Department of Transportation.

To be eligible to participate in the program, commuters must register online at www.commuterconnections.org or call 1-800-745-RIDE (7433).

Recycling... Do's And Don'ts!

Ever wondered what is considered recyclable and what is not? You may be surprised to find out. For a complete list, visit <http://countyofhowardmd.us/whatshouldidowith.htm> or call 410-313-6444. If it snows on your recycling day and recycling has been cancelled for the day, recyclables may be picked up on a slide schedule. For the most up-to-date information, call 410-313-7678 or visit <http://countyofhowardmd.us/recycling.htm>.

Howard County Safety... Helpful Hints!

- Experiencing an Emergency? Dial 9-1-1
- Want to report an incident, non-emergency? Call 410-313-2200
- Need to report drug activity? Call 410-290-3784 or email ACunningham@howardcountymd.gov
- Want to make an anonymous tip (e.g. child abuse, violence, gangs, gambling, school incidents, underage drinking, damage to property etc.)? Call 410-313-7867 or email GangTips@howardcountymd.gov
- Want to report gun crimes? Call 410-313-7867 or email CToler@howardcountymd.gov.
- Do you need Victim Assistance? Call 410-313-3712 or email KMasterson@howardcountymd.gov
- Interested in a FREE Home Security Survey? Call 410-313-4795 and leave a message to make an appointment. For more info, call the Special Operations Bureau at 410-313-3758 or visit <http://www.howardcountymd.gov/aboutpolice.htm>
- Want to start a Neighborhood Watch? Call the Community Services Section at 410-313-4780.
- Looking to prevent Auto Theft? Helpful tips available at <http://www.howardcountymd.gov/departments.aspx?ID=6442451452>
- Want to report an animal cruelty incidence or report unwanted pets, endangered animals, etc.? Call 410-313-2780, email animalcontrol@howardcountymd.gov or visit <http://www.howardcountymd.gov/animalcontrol.htm>
- Are speeders in your neighborhood? Consider the SMART Program initiative. Info available at www.co.ho.md.us/Police/pd_smartprogram.htm
- Looking for personal safety tips? Visit www.co.ho.md.us/police/pd_personalsafety.htm
- Interested in a Police Ride-Along? Call 410-313-2208 for an application
- Need a HCPD Spanish line? Call 410-313-7807.
- Interested in volunteering with the HCPD? Call 410-313-2255
- Interesting in HCPD Recruitment? Call 410-313-4273.

Reverse Mortgage Counseling to Residents 62 and Older!

The Howard County Office on Aging, through Maryland Access Point (MAP), is offering Reverse Mortgage Counseling to Maryland residents ages 62 and older who are considering this as an option. The counseling is targeted to seniors who may be able to pay for their everyday expenses but are struggling to cover the costs of health care, home repairs and modifications, increased property taxes and other unexpected expenses.

To schedule a counseling session or learn more about the costs and features of a reverse mortgage, call MAP of Howard County's toll free number: **1-800-506-5806**.

Medicare Patients – Looking for a Local Doctor!

The Medicare.gov site is the place to find information about Medicare. The webpage provides detailed information about the basics of Medicare, resources, preventative health care and much more. If you're looking for a local doctor who accepts Medicare, visit www.Medicare.gov/find-a-doctor. Fill in your zipcode and any preferences you might have and instantly you will be given a list of providers in your area! For more details, call **1-800-MEDICARE**.

How and When to Use the Emergency Room!

Remember in Howard County, there are a number of affordable alternatives to the Emergency Room if you are ill (coughs, colds, ear infections, minor burns, strains/sprains), but **not** experiencing a medical emergency. These "minute clinics" are a great resource to receive medical attention on a weekend, late night, or simply when your regular physician cannot see you. Many have extended and weekend hours and do not require appointments. Most accept insurance but please call the provider/clinic for details.

For additional information or a list of providers, visit our Health Department's [website](#) or call **410-313-6300**.

Alzheimer's Support Groups in Howard County!

Howard County proudly offers several Alzheimer's Support Groups at various locations throughout the County during days and times that are geared at accommodating the needs of those impacted by Alzheimer's. Pre-screening is required. For support group locations in Howard County, click [here](#). For more information on the Alzheimer's Association, call **1-800-272-3900** or visit www.alz.org/maryland.

In Need of Crisis Intervention?

Grassroots is a private, non-profit agency serving Howard County and Central Maryland and empowers people in crisis to make positive changes by offering professional 24-hour crisis intervention, shelter and outreach services.

Grassroots provides programs and services including a 24-hour crisis intervention hotline, Maryland Crisis Hotline, Walk-in Counseling, Mobile Crisis Team, Suicide Prevention, outreach and education, a 33-bed Family Shelter, an 18-bed Men's Shelter, a Motel Shelter, Cold Weather Shelter and Day Resource Center.

Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, Inc. is located at **6700 Freetown Road, Columbia, MD 21044**. For more information, please call **410-531-6006** or visit their website online at www.grassrootscrisis.org. The 24-hour line is **410-531-6677** and the MD Crisis Hotline is **1-800-422-0009**.

At-Large Members Needed for Community Advisory Council!

The Community Advisory Council to the Board of Education is currently seeking at-large members for the coming school year. The council sponsors educational programming for members and provides the opportunity to study and have input into curriculum, educational policy, redistricting and budget.

The committee meets at **7:30pm** the third Tuesday of each month at the Department of Education, **10910 Route 108, Ellicott City, MD**. At-large members serve a two-year term. For more information, please call **410-313-6682** or email tjmallo@verizon.net.

Transparency in Our Government!

If you believe there has been an instance of fraud, waste, and/or abuse in our government, we want to hear from you! Allegations of Fraud, Waste and Abuse in Howard County Government should be submitted to the Howard County Auditor's Office. All submittals are encrypted and password protected for security. We treat all allegations in a confidential matter and we'll do our very best to safeguard your identity!

To report an allegation, visit <http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/DisplayPrimary.aspx?ID=4294969242>. If you do not wish to disclose your identity, you may remain anonymous; however, you should be aware that remaining anonymous may preclude a thorough investigation of your allegation due to insufficient information.

For more information, email hcaudit@howardcountymd.gov or call 410-313-2005.

View the Council's Current Legislation and Calendar and Stay Informed!

The County Council is responsible for adopting laws within Howard County. The legislative progress generally follows a monthly cycle. The Council is currently on recess for the month of August. A list of upcoming meetings can be found [online](#).

I Want to Hear From You!

This is your opportunity to stay informed and get involved! Your comments are always welcome as the County Council reviews legislation. You may testify in person or simply submit your testimony by email to Councilmail@howardcountymd.gov or fax 410-313-3297.

All legislative public hearings will take place in the **Board of Education, Board Room A, 10910 Route 108, Ellicott City, MD 21042**.

RECYCLE your old TV's!

The Howard County Bureau of Environmental Services would like to remind residents to recycle analog TV's rather than throw them away. Options: Alpha Ridge Landfill Resident's Convenience Area open **8am-4pm** Mon-Sat and Best Buy's Customer Take-Back Program. For more info, call **410-313-6444**.

Dr. Calvin Ball
Howard County Council
[District 2](#)
[Email Me](#)
3430 Courthouse Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

"An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity."

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.